AUTHORITY: 38 U.S.C. 501, 1721, unless oth-
erwise noted.

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DEFINITIONS AND ACTIVE DUTY

§ 17.30 Definitions.

When used in Department of Vet-
erans Affairs medical regulations, each
of the following terms shall have the
meaning ascribed to it in this section:

(a) *Medical services.* The term *medical
services* includes, in addition to medical
examination, treatment, and rehabili-
tative services:

(1) Surgical services, dental services
and appliances as authorized in §§ 17.160
through 17.166, optometric and
podiatric services, (in the case of a per-
son otherwise receiving care or services
under this chapter) the preventive
health care services set forth in 38
U.S.C. 1762, wheelchairs, artificial
limbs, trusses and similar appliances,
special clothing made necessary by the
wearing of prosthetic appliances, and
such other supplies or services as are
medically determined to be reasonable
and necessary.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1701(6)(A)(i))

(2) Such consultation, professional
counseling, training and mental health
services as are necessary in connection
with the treatment—

(i) Of the service-connected disability
of a veteran pursuant to § 17.93(a);

(ii) Of the nonservice-connected dis-
ability of a veteran where such services
were initiated during the veteran's hos-
pitalization and the provision of such
services is essential to permit the re-
lease of the veteran from inpatient
care;

for the members of the immediate fam-
ily or legal guardian of the veteran, or
the individual in whose household such
veteran certifies an intention to live,
as may be essential to the effective
treatment and rehabilitation of the
veteran or dependent or survivor of a
veteran receiving care under § 17.84(c).
For the purposes of this paragraph, a
dependent or survivor of a veteran re-
ceiving care under § 17.84(c) shall be eli-
gible for the same medical services as a
veteran; and

(3) Transportation and incidental ex-
penses for any person entitled to such
benefits under the provisions of § 17.143.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1701(6))

(b) *Domiciliary care.* The term *domi-
ciliary care* means the furnishing of a
home to a veteran, embracing the fur-
nishing of shelter, food, clothing and
other comforts of home, including nec-
essary medical services. The term fur-
ther includes travel and incidental ex-
penses pursuant to § 17.143.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1701(4))

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1989; 61 FR 21965, 21966, May 13, 1996; 62 FR
17072, Apr. 9, 1997]

§ 17.31 Duty periods defined.

Definitions of duty periods applicable
to eligibility for medical benefits are
as follows:

(a)–(c) [Reserved]

(d) *Inactive duty training.* The term
inactive duty training means: (1) Duty
(other than full-time duty) prescribed
for Reserves (including commissioned
officers of the Reserve Corps of the
Public Health Service) by the Sec-
retary concerned under section 206,
title 37 U.S.C., or any other provision
of law;

(2) Special additional duties author-
ized for Reserves (including commis-
sioned officers of the Reserve Corps of
the Public Health Service) by an au-
thority designated by the Secretary
concerned and performed by them on a
voluntary basis in connection with the